GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
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POWER CONNECTIVITY IN TRIBAL VILLAGES OF ASSAM
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken any positive scheme and action-plan to provide power connectivity to the backward indigenous tribal people in all the tribal villages in Assam with special mention to Bodoland Territory;

(b) if so, action taken in this regard so far; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) to (c) : The Government has not received any specific proposal to electrify tribal villages in Bodoland Territory. However, Assam State Electricity Board (ASEB) hasinformed that against the target of electrification of 20 tribal villages during 2000-01, 11 villages have been electrified under Prime Minister`s Package (Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources) leaving a balance of 9 un-electrified villages. Electrification of 260 virgin villages are proposed under Pradhan Mantri Gramodaya Yojana (PMGY) during 2002-03.Of these, 50 villages are within Bodoland Autonomous Council area (BAC).Similarly, intensification work in 936 villages are proposed for 2002-03 under rural electrification programme (Minimum Needs Programme), out of which 145 are tribal villages and 71 are within BAC area.

Assam can also have access to funds from Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF),Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) and Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS)States have been requested to utilize the funds judiciously so as to ensure that the national objective of achieving 100% village electrification by 2007 could be attained.